

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Add the following paragraphs to the beginning of the specification as paragraphs [0001] and [0002], respectively:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This application is a U.S. National phase application of PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/005676, filed February 26, 2004. This application claims the benefit of priority to above-referenced PCT/US2004/005676; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,563, entitled PHOSPHATE BONDED CERAMIC STABILIZATION CHEMISTRY APPLIED TO HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES, filed on February 26, 2003; United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/499,453, entitled ALUMINUM PHOSPHATE CERAMICS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE, filed on September 2, 2003; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/537,207, entitled ALUMINUM PHOSPHATE CERAMICS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE, filed on January 18, 2004, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. In addition, concurrently filed U.S. Application No. _____ entitled "Aluminum Phosphate Ceramics for Waste Storage," which names D. Maloney and A. Wagh as inventors, and is identified by Attorney Docket No. 16653-8002US02, is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

[0002] The United States Government has rights in this invention pursuant to contract number W-31-109-ENG-38 between the United States Department of Energy and the University of Chicago, representing Argonne National Laboratory, and CRADA Number 0200201 between Argonne National Laboratory and CH2M HILL, Inc.